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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. QUOTED BELOW IS LETTER CONCERNING REFERENCE MEETING
RECEIVED FROM SYG WALDHEIM. AGENDA REFERRED TO IN
TEXT IS ALSO TRANSMITTED.

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SIR,

FURTHER TO MY CABLE OF 10 APRIL 1975, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INVITE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A TWO-DAY MEETING WHICH I AM CONVENING AT THE PLAIS DES NATIONS IN GENEVA ON 5 AND 6 MAY 1975, TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE MEETING IS BEING CONVENED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION XIII (COPY ATTACHED) AND PARAGRAPH 13 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3348 (XXIX) WHICH REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONVENE URGENTLY A MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF THE FUND, INCLUDING THE SIZE OF THE FUND AND COMMITMENTS TO IT. I SHALL OPEN THE MEETING AT 10:30 A.M. ON MONDAY 5 MAY.

I WISH TO URGE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES TO ENGAGE IN PRIOR GROUP DISCUSSIONS SO AS TO LEAD TO SUBSTANTIVE ACTION AT THE MEETING, WHICH WOULD THEN BE REPORTED TO THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AT ITS FIRST SESSION IN ROME, FROM 23-27 JUNE 1975. DR. JOHN A. HANNAH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, WHO HAS ALREADY HAD SOME FAVOURABLE INITIAL CONTACTS, IS PREPARED TO GIVE SUCH ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NEEDED TO FACILITATE SUCH DISCUSSIONS. I AM ENCLOSING, FOR PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION, A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

I SHOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING AND URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S PARTICIPATION. AS WELL RECOGNIZED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL EXTERNAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED IF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE TO BE ABLE TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR THEIR OWN PEOPLE.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

KURT WALDHEIM
SECRETARY-GENERAL UNQTE

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MEETING OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

GENEVA, 5 AND 6 MAY 1975

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

4. GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FUND

5. MODE OF OPERATIONS

6. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

7. OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

8. ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

ITEM 1 - OPENING OF THE MEETING BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

ITEM 2 - ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ITEM 3 - ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

PARAGRAPH 1 OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION XIII STATES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT "SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY TO FINANCE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PRIMARILY FOR FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES". UNDER THIS ITEM THE MEETING MAY WISH TO CONSIDER AND ADVISE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIFIC DATE ON WHICH THE FUND MAY BECOME OPERATIVE.

ITEM 4 - GOVERNING BOARD

PARAGRAPH 3 OF RESOLUTION XIII STATES THAT "THE FUND SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY A GOVERNING BOARD CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CONTRIBUTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND POTENTIAL RECIPIENT COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE NEED FOR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF REPRESENTATION AMONGST THESE THREE CATEGORIES AND ENSURING REASONABLE BALANCE AMONGST THE POTENTIAL RECIPIENT REPRESENTATIVES". THE MEETING MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE OPTIMUM SIZE OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF ITS MEMBERSHIP AMONGST THE THREE CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPANTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

ITEM 5 - MODE OF OPERATIONS

PARAGRAPH 4 OF RESOLUTION XIII ENVISAGED THAT THE "DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AND/OR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS AND CRITERIA TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD". UNDER THIS ITEM, THE MEETING MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHICH OF THE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL, AND/OR REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS MIGHT BE USED BY THE FUND FOR CHANNELLING ITS FUND OR FOR MAXIMISING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

ITEM 6 - CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND

PARAGRAPH 2 OF RESOLUTION XIII ENVISAGES THAT "ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND ALL THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT ARE IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS FUND SHOULD DO SO ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS". FURTHER, PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE SAME RESOLUTION STIPULATES THAT "THE FUND SHOULD BECOME OPERATIVE AS SOON AS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINES, IN CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTRIES HAVING PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND, THAT IT HOLDS PROMISE OF GENERATING SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT ITS OPERATIONS HAVE A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF CONTINUITY". THE MEETING MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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WISH TO CONSIDER, UNDER THIS ITEM, THE WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN THESE TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION.

ITEM 7 - OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

UNDER THIS ITEM THE MEETING MAY WISH TO CONSIDER (I) LOCATION OF THE FUND, (II) SECRETARIAT OF THE FUND AND (III) LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ESTABLISHING THE FUND, AND FOR MAKING IT OPERATIONAL.

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS

UNDER THIS ITEM THE MEETING MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER AND FOLLOW-UP ACTION, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS. UNQTE.
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